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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: JULY 25-29 NON-ALIGNED FON MINISTERS'
MEETING AT BELGRADE

REFS: A. STATE 178240 B. STATE 178242

1. IN A NECESSARILY BRIEF CALL ON ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY
MANZOOR CHOUDHURY JULY 20, DCM LEFT PIECE OF PAPER
CONTRAINING POINTS REFTELS AS APPROPRIATE AND EMPHASIZED US
INTEREST IN CUBA, PUERTO RICO, AND KOREA.

2. CHOUDHURY SAID BANGLADESH DELEGATION TO BELGRADE MEETING
WOULD BE LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER SHAMSUL HUQ AND INCLUDE
AMBASSADOR DOHA (LONDON), KIBRIA (GENEVA), AND FAKHRUDDIN
AHMAD (BELGRADE), AS WELL AS ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL,
FAROOK SOBHAN, AND TWO MFA DIRECTORS FROM DACCA.

3. CHOUDHURY COMMENTED THAT BANGLADESH'S POSITION AT NAM
MEETINGS IS GENERALLY FLEXIBLE WITH MANY DECISIONS MADE AT
THE CONFERENCE. ON CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA HE THOUGHT
BANGLADESH'S STANCE WOULD BE STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY
ATTITUDES OF AFRICAN NAM COUNTRIES. THE BANGLADESH
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DELEGATION IS WELL AWARE OF SOMALIA'S POSITION BUT
WERE LESS CERTAIN HOW OTHER AFRICAN STATES WERE CURRENTLY
REACTING TO CUBAN ACTIVITY. CHOUDHURY DOUBTED PUERTO
RICAN ISSUE WOULD ARISE AS IT HAD NOT FIGURED SIGNIFICANTLY
IN, OR AT, NEW DELHI MEETING. ON KOREA, CHOUDHURY SAID
THAT BANGLADESH DID HAVE AN ESTABLISHED AND FIRM POSITION,
NAMELY THAT QUESTIONS SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE KOREANS

THEMSELVES TO SETTLE.
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